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AMBASSADOR BAUDET, CIVILIAN DEPUTY TO CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE, TOLD EMBOFF NOV 6 U.S. SHOULD "NOT BE TOO CONCERNED" OVER FRENCH POSITION ON CEILING U.S. ARMY FORCES FRANCE HE ADDED NO ONE IS COUNTING OUR TROOPS AND FEW THOUSAND OVER LIMIT WILL NOT PRESENT SERIOUS PROBLEM.

BAUDET SAID DE GAULLE HIMSELF HAD TAKEN POSITION CEILING SHOULD NOT BE RAISED NOW BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT "TOO MANY FOREIGN TROOPS" IN FRANCE. BAUDET NOTED QUESTION OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND FOREIGN MILITARY POLICE RAISED AT RECENT CONFERENCE PREFECTURAL OFFICIALS BUT HASTENED ADD CONDUCT U.S. FORCES FRANCE NOT INVOLVED. BAUDET COMMENTED DE GAULLE HAD RECENTLY REFUSED PERMISSION U.K. UNITS ENTER FRANCE FOR JOINT MANEUVERS WITH FRENCH THOUGH SUCH MANEUVERS HAD BECOME ESTABLISHED PRACTICE

BAUDET ALSO SURE DE GAULLE UNDERSTANDS U.S. FORCE REQUIREMENTS FRANCE AND GERMANY AND AGREES WITH NEED FOR MILITARY BUILDUP IN CURRENT CRISIS. AT SAME TIME DE GAULLE CANNOT RESTRAIN NATIONAL SPIRIT AND DISLIKE OF APPEARING DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN FORCES. BAUDET CITED FRENCH DRAFT OF POLITICAL TREATY FOR EUROPEAN SIX AS PROPOSING ONLY MODEST STEP TOWARD COOPERATION AND AS THUS REFLECTING DE GAULLE'S DESIRE FOR "EUROPE DES PAYS" RATHER THAN INTEGRATED ENTITY. BAUDET OBSERVED THIS CONCEPT WOULD EVENTUALLY REVERSE SOME OF TENDENCIES IN NATO TOWARD MILITARY INTEGRATION. SINCE BAUDET SPEAKING WITH SOME FRANKNESS, REQUEST SOURCE BE PROTECTED.

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